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Please replace the bullet point at page 3, lines 13-14, with the following:

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- • the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence
QASIEGRYTAPQPQ (SEQ ID NO:11) --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 9-11 as follows:

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9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence QASSYTAPQPQ (SEQ ID NO:2).
10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence VILGVGPAKIQFEG (SEQ ID NO:1).
11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the linker peptide is characterized by comprising the amino acid sequence QASIEGRYTAPQPQ (SEQ ID NO:11).

REMARKS

The "Notice to Comply" mailed September 20, 2001 (paper number 8 - copy attached), indicated that Applicant's communication filed August 24, 2001 (a Substitute Sequence Listing) was not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed July 24, 2001, because SEQ ID NO:s were missing for the amino acid sequences in claims 9-11. Accordingly, the Examiner required a new paper and CRF sequence listing.

As discussed with the Examiner on the telephone on September 27, 2001, the amino acid sequences in claims 9-11 are in fact already in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NOs: 2, 1, and 11, respectively. These sequences are also set forth in the specification on page 3.